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I am told, I think from authority, that the government will give up the expense and management of the Indians and the trade to several Provinces. I was examined on this subject by the Lords of Trade, and could scarcely believe the information I had there of the annual expense; indeed I should not have credited it had been less authenticated, for the annual expense I am told, is near if not about £100,000 to the crown. God knows whether the poor savages get it.

I shall write you again so soon as I know the success of my memorial. Permit me to assure you I am with great regard and esteem, Gentlemen,

Your obliged and obedient humble servant,

Ge° MERCER.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS.(1)

BY EDWARD W. JAMES.

August 27th 1751 Thos Keeling with Mrs Elizabeth Lovett

Teste — Thomas Keeling

Anthony Lawson — George Weblin

June 5th 1753 Joseph White with Mary Keeling daughter of Capt Wm Keeling

Joseph White

Lem. Cornick

June 8th Richard Scott with Tabby Barker

Teste — Rica Scott

Fran Thorow Land — John Scott

January 8th 1754 William Moseley with Marg Land

Willm Moseley

Chrisr Moseley

January 23d Thomat Griffin with Elinor Aires

Teste — Thomas Griffin

Arthur Sayer — Saml Griffin

(1) This list, which indicates those who made their mark, supplies further proof of the claim made in respect to York County, of the wide diffusion of knowlege in the Colony. I have found since, that several of those in York Co., who were represented as making their marks were free Negroes.—Editor. (See No. 1 of the Quarterly.)

April 8th William Keeling with Frances Pallet daughter of Matthw Pallet

Teste — William Keeling
Arth Sayer — Mattw Pallet

May 11th Nathl Newton with Mrs. Anne Ellegood widow of Col Jacob Ellegood

Teste — Natha Newton
Arth Sayer — Anthy Lawson

May 22nd Job Gasking with Mrs Sarah Jacob

Teste — Job Gasking
Arth Sayer — Charles Gasking

July 1st with Harper with Prudence Williamson

Teste — William Harper
Arth Sayer — John Harper Jun

Dec 11th 1759 John Munden with Amy Gorato

John Munden
his
Teste — Epafraditus M Munden
Arth Sayer
mark

Oct 19th 1761 William Withers with Miss Priscilla Wright

Wm Withers
Anthy Walke Jr

November 3d Matthew Phripp Gent with Miss Hannah Moseley

Teste — Matt Phripp
Lemuel Newton — Saml Tenant

Nov 10th Hillery Moseley with Miss Mary Murry

Hiliery Moseley
Tully Moseley

Nov 12th Henry Woodhouse with Miss Ailiff Cornick

Henry Woodhouse
John Pallet

Dec 3d John Nicholson with Mary Dyson

Teste — John Nicholson
Lemuel Newton — Philip Dison

Dec 3d John Scott with Bridget Murray

John Scott
Walter Scott

1762 Peter Singleton with Margaret Sayer

Teste — Peter Singleton
Andw Stewart — Anthony Blamire

Robt Ballard

Feby 18th Wm Cason with Miss Mary Smith
Teste — William Cason
Robt Ballard — Saml Tenant

April 3d Wm Weblin with Frances Hopkins
Teste — William Weblin
Walter Lyon — Jonathan Hopkins
Lemuel Newton

April 9th John Smith with Elizª Harper
Teste — Jno Smith
Lemuel Newton — Jno Hancock

April 10th Thomas Wiles with Mary Carraway
Teste — Thomas Wiles
Lemuel Newton — James Carraway
Charles Williamson

May 31st John Minson with Mary Jones
Teste — John Minson
Lemuel Newton — Robert Jones

June 23d Capt James Kempe with Miss Frances Shephends
Teste — James Kempe
Leml Newton — Walter Lyon

July 26th Lemuel Roberts with Elizabeth Hutchings
Teste — Lemuel Roberts Jr
Lemuel Newton — Samuel Boush Sr

Aug 21st David Etheredge with Mary Whitehurst
Teste — David X Etheredge
Lemuel Newton — his
Charles X Norris
mark

Aug 26th Adam Thorowgood with Miss Betty Nicholson
Teste — Adam Thorowgood
Leml Newton — James Kempe

Aug 27th Capt William Haynes with Mrs Elizª Land
Teste — William Haynes
Lemuel Newton — W Moseley

Sept 1st Joshua Haynes with Miss Argent Huggens
Teste — Joshua Haynes
Lemuel Newton — Robt Huggins

Sept 15th John Phripp with Mary Anne Walke
John Phripp Jun
Lemuel Newton

Nov 10th Edward Moseley with Miss Ann Lovett
Teste — Edward Moseley
Lemuel Newton — Charles Gasking

Nov 20th James Woodhouse with Frances Snaile
Teste — James Woodhouse
Andw Stewart — Smith Sheperd

Dec 18th Thomas Hunter with Miss Peggy Thorowgood
Teste — Thos Hunter
Lemuel Newton — John Thorowgood

Dec 29th Tully Moseley with Mrs Abia Wiles
Teste — Tully Moseley
Lemuel Newton — Jonathan Hopkins

April 2nd 1763 James Hearn with Sally Cartwright
Teste — James Hearn
Leml Newton — W Nimmo

Aug 11th John Barrett with Miss Blandinah Moseley
Teste — John Barrett
Lemuel Newton — Robert Moseley

Sept 7th 1763 Johnson Nimmo with Miss Ann Woodhouse
Teste — Johnson Nimmo
Lemuel Newton — Geo Jamison

Nov 11th James Hunter Jr with Miss Frances Moseley
Teste — James Hunter Jr
Lemuel Newton — Tully Moseley

Dec 8th Caleb Ward with Miss Sarah Stripes
Caleb Ward
Teste — his
Leml Newton — James I Mason
mark

Feb 8th 1764 John Taner with Miss Mary Lamount
John Taner
Henry Lamount

Feby 16th Anthony Blamire with Miss Molly Kempe
Anthony Blamire
Leml Newton

March 10th Wm Absolum with Miss Mary Sparks
his
Teste — Wm X Absolum
mark
Leml Newton — Charles Hill

March 24 Willoughby Weblin with Frances Matthias

Teste
Anthy Lawson,

Willoughby Weblin
Alex^{r} Poole

April 24th Wm Willaroy with Eliz^{a} Veal

Teste
his
James X Anderson
mark

his
William X Willaroy
mark

April 25th Capt William Keeling with Miss Ann Wishart

Teste
Maximilian Boush
Wm Thorowgood

Willm Keeling
Lem^{l} Newton

May 14th Jesse Holstead [The ladys name is effaced.]

Teste
Lem^{l} Newton

Jesse Holstead
Jonathan Jackson

May 25th John Shipp with Mrs Mary Henley

Teste
Lem^{l} Newton
John Lovett

John Shipp
John Stone Jr

Aug 13th Joseph Holstead with Mary Wicker

Teste
Jno Ackiss

Joseph Holstead
Jno Wicker

Sept 12th John Denney with Ann Consauloo

Teste Charles Lawson

John Denney
his
Andrew X Consauloo
mark

Sept 26th John Warden with Mary Shearwood

his
John X Ward
mark

Teste
John Lovett

John Snaile
his
William X Ashby
mark

Oct 25th Capt Christopher Wright with Elizabeth Hunter

Teste Robt Ballard

Christopher Wright
Peter Singleton